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SUBJ: NORWAY AND EEC REACH FISHING QUOTA AGREEMENT FOR FIRST  
QUARTER OF 1978

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A NORWEGIAN DELEGATION OF GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS AND FISH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES HEADED BY FISHERIES  
DIRECTOR KNUT VARTDAL MET WITH EEC FISHERIES NEGOTIATORS IN BRUSSELS  
DECEMBER 15 AND 16 AND REACHED A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT THAT WILL  
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ALLOW FISHING IN THE RESPECTIVE NORWEGIAN AND EC ECONOMIC ZONES  
WHEN THE CURRENT TEMPORARY AGREEMENT EXPIRES ON JANUARY 1. TEMPORARY  
QUOTAS ON SOME SPECIES WILL APPLY ONLY FOR JANUARY, AND FOR OTHERS  
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978.

2. THE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THE EEC ADOPT A LICENSING SYSTEM FOR  
ITS VESSELS ACCEPTABLE TO NORWAY. THE EEC MUST SUBMIT A FISHING

PLAN TO THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY, AND BY JANUARY 10 IT MUST BE DECIDED WHICH EEC VESSELS WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN THE NORWEGIAN ZONE. NORWAY AND THE EC WILL HOLD A FURTHER NEGOTIATING MEETING AT THE END OF JANUARY, PROBABLY IN BERGEN, TO DISCUSS QUOTAS FOR ALL OF 1978.

3. THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT AGREED ON BY THE TWO PARTIES PROVIDES THAT:

-- NORWAY MAY CATCH 2,000 TONS OF SHRIMP OFF WEST GREENLAND IN THE FIRST QUARTER (THE EEC YIELDED TO NORWAY ON THIS POINT);

-- NORWAY HAS NOT BEEN ALLOCATED ANY COD QUOTA OFF GREENLAND, AT LEAST FOR JANUARY (THIS AFFECTS SOME LOCAL GROUPS OF NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN, AND FISHERIES DIRECTOR VARTDAL SAYS HE HAS ONLY POSTPONED HIS REQUEST FOR AN ALLOTMENT HERE FOR JANUARY);

-- WEST OF FOUR DEGREES LATITUDE (WEST OF SCOTLAND) NORWAY GETS A QUOTA OF 1,500 TONS OF HERRING FOR THE FIRST QUARTER;

-- NORWAY MAY FISH MACKEREL WEST OF SCOTLAND UNDER THE SAME ARRANGEMENTS APPLYING IN 1977, AND THIS WILL NOT BE CHARGED TO THE 1978 QUOTE.

4. THE EEC QUOTAS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978 NORTH OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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62ND PARALLEL HAVE BEEN FIXED AT: 12,000 TONS COD, 2,000 TONS HADDOCK, 4,000 TONS SAITHE, 2,000 TONS REDFISH AND 350 TONS GREENLAND HALIBUT. IN THE NORWEGIAN ZONE OF THE NORTH SEA THE EEC MAY CATCH 35,000 TONS OF NORWAY POUT, SANDEEL AND BLUE WHITING (FISHING FOR REDUCTION PURPOSES), BUT TRAWL FISHING (FOR REDUCTION PURPOSES) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNTIL THE PARTIES ARE AGREED ON LICENSING. OTHER RESOURCES IN THE NORTH SEA SHALL BE FISHED AS BEFORE, WITHOUT SPECIAL REGULATIONS IN JANUARY 1978.

5. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT NORWAY AND THE EC HAVE WORKED OUT A DRAFT OF A LONG TERM FISHERIES AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE EC COMMISSION WILL NOT SIGN FISHERIES AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRY-

IES UNTIL THE EC HAS ADOPTED A COMMON INTERNAL FISHERIES POLICY. ON JANUARY 16 WE UNDERSTAND THE EC FISHERIES MINISTERS WILL AGAIN TRY TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON INTERNAL FISHERIES POLICY. A MAJOR PROVISION IN THE LONG TERM AGREEMENT IS A CLAUSE CALLING FOR A BALANCING IN THE VALUE OF CATCHES IN THE RESPECTIVE ZONES BEGINNING IN THE EARLY 1980S. DURING RECENT YEARS THE VALUE OF EC CATCHES IN NORWEGIAN WATERS HAS EXCEEDED NORWEGIAN CATCHES IN THE EC ZONE BY 50 PERCENT OR MORE.

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